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SAYS SPAIN SELLS MERCURY TO USSR;
LATVIANS BUY PENICILLIN WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION

Madrid -- Spain has begun selling mercury to the USSR. The purchases are aimed at counteracting the loss of Yugoslavia as a source of mercury for the USSR. A large shipment was recently arranged through a Swiss middleman. The mercury being bought is badly needed by the Soviet Union for her war industries. Franco is currently negotiating with other Soviet-orbit countries for exchange of important items. Franco is using the transactions as a diplomatic pressure lever against the US.

Penicillin is now for sale without need of a doctor's prescription. --
Advertisement.

LABORATORY CLOSES -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 3, 4 Jan 50

The Central Scientific-Research Laboratory for Instrument Building under the Moscow Department of the All-Union Chemical Society imeni Mendeleev is hereby liquidated. Claims against the laboratory will be accepted up until 10 January 1950. No claims will be allowed after that date. -- (Signed) The Liquidation Commission

LISTS PRODUCTS OF CHEMICAL ARTEL -- Zarya Vostoka, No 244, 15 Dec 49

The Tbilisi Chemical Plant of the Tekhnokhim. Artel has changed its location and is now at Grma-Gele, No 56, Avchal'skiy Shosse.

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The Tekhnokhim Artel produces the following: acetic and alkaline fillings for No 1 and 3 Bogatyr fire extinguishers; storage-battery, hydrochloric, and other acids; glue for painters and office workers, fluid for hydraulic automobile brakes, aqueous ammonia, sodium silicate solution, alkali for laundry use, sewing-machine oil, dry colors, pressed ammonium for soldering, whetstones, gypsum, chalk, and zinc for hot plating of sheet-iron household dishes. -- Advertisement

PROPOSE CHANGE IN TECHNIQUES -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 4, 5 Jan 50

The management of the Moscow Kaychuk Plant has proposed the substitution of electric for steam heating in some of the presses, as well as the introduction of pressure casting to replace molding. It is computed that if one-third of the products were turned out under pressure casting, the monthly expenditure of rubber would be reduced by 3,000 kilograms.

RUBBER PLANT INCREASES RANGE OF PRODUCTS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 13, 15 Jan 50

In 1949 the Rubber Technical Products Plant put out 1,000 new types of products. It put into operation a shop for the manufacture of hose with metal sheathing capable of withstanding 200 atmospheres' pressure and began production of an original type of wedge-shaped fan belts for the ZIS-110, Moskvich, and Pobeda cars. It makes high-durability drill hose for the petroleum industry and rubber sheathing for shafts in polygraphic, leather, and textile industry machinery. In the future, such sheathing will be put out also for shafts of paper-making machines.

TAKES ORDERS FOR CHEMICAL REAGENTS -- Zarya Vostoka, No 222, 11 Dec 49

The Main Administration of Pharmaceutical Products announces that all orders for chemical reagents for 1950 must be submitted by 1 December 1949 to its No 9 store (Plekhanovskiy pr. No 6, Tbilisi), which acts on behalf of "Soyuzreaktivsbyt" (Union Reagents Sales) in the Georgian and Armenian SSRs. -- Advertisement

IMPROVES OLD DYES, MAKES NEW -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 286, 3 Dec 49

The Derbenevskiy Chemical Plant imeni Stalin completed the Five-Year Plan in 3 years, 11 months. During the past few months the plant has improved the formulas for 15 different dyes and has developed four new colors.

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